

## Part 1 – Agency Profile

### Agency Overview

Our historical society has given us a sense of direction from the beginning. Eighteen years after the Idaho Territory was established in the midst of civil war and westward expansion, and nine years before statehood in 1890, a room full of early settlers created the Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers. As technology and time itself accelerated in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, several of these founders sensed how much of their own heritage was about to be lost, and how much native heritage remained to be discovered. Their efforts led to the establishment of the Idaho State Historical Society as a state agency in 1907.

From its original “library and cabinet” meant to preserve “literary and scientific objects” the Society has evolved in its first century to include the Idaho State Historical Museum, the Public Archives and Research Library, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Historic Sites Program, and the Administration unit. With a staff of 35 professionals, 50 volunteers, and a board of trustees that represent the seven legislative districts of the state, the Society now reaches more than 100,000 people annually and serves an additional 700,000 on its web site.

From its origin as a “cabinet of curiosities” the **Idaho State Historical Museum** has become the largest and most visited museum in the state. Its many interactive programs educate children, students, working adults, and retirees in the historical value of its diverse and comprehensive collections.

The **Public Archives and Research Library** provides public and scholarly access to holdings in many media dealing with Idaho’s history and genealogy. These include manuscripts, state archives, books, periodicals, oral history interviews, films and videos, microfilms, and maps.

This **Historic Sites** program oversees sites at Pierce, Franklin, Rock Creek, and Boise. These include National Historic Landmark Assay Office where the State Historic Preservation Office is located.

Under the terms of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the **State Historic Preservation Office** administers the National Register of Historic Places and the state’s historic and archaeological site inventories, the certified local government program, and the tax incentive program, and carries out federal project review duties. In 1992 the state legislature established the Archaeological Survey of Idaho with collections repositories in Pocatello, Boise, and Moscow.

### Mission Statement

Idaho State Historical Society preserves and promotes Idaho’s cultural heritage

### Vision Statement of Purpose

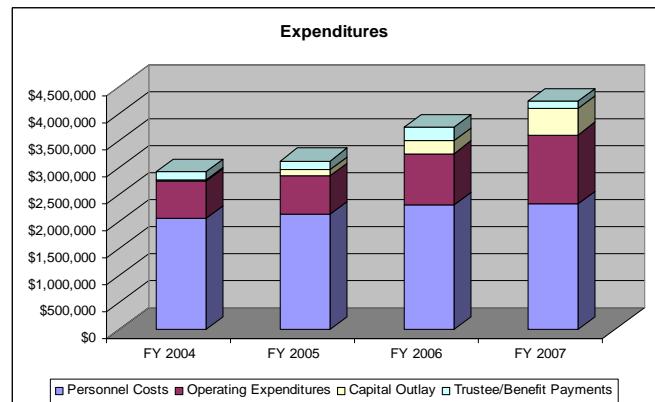
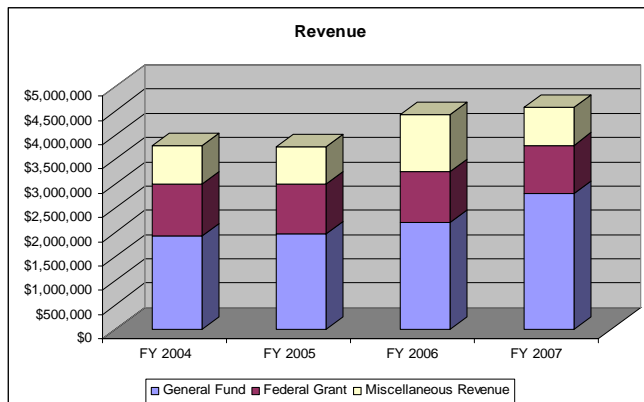
Our vision is to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving and sharing our dynamic cultural heritage.

### Core Functions/Idaho Code

We now know that people have wrested a living from Idaho’s remarkable resources for more than 13,000 years. Our state has a rich history and prehistory; the Idaho State Historical Society is charged with responsibility for its preservation in accordance with Chapters 41 and 46 of Title 67 of the Idaho Code, and other statutory capacity assigned by Titles 14, 31, 33, 58, and 63. The Society serves as an agency of the State Board of Education, with oversight provided by a seven member Board of Trustees.

### Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Fund	\$1,923,700	\$1,973,800	\$2,200,000	\$2,797,700
Federal Grant	\$1,063,700	\$1,015,000	\$1,047,400	996,900
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$793,900</u>	<u>\$780,500</u>	<u>\$1,175,000</u>	<u>779,600</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,781,300</b>	<b>\$3,769,300</b>	<b>\$4,422,400</b>	<b>\$4,574,200</b>
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$2,049,700	\$2,134,900	\$2,303,206	\$2,329,900
Operating Expenditures	\$705,300	\$707,600	\$956,995	1,278,200
Capital Outlay	\$17,400	\$121,300	\$233,269	488,300
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$157,700</u>	<u>\$161,800</u>	<u>\$258,012</u>	<u>132,400</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,930,100</b>	<b>\$3,125,600</b>	<b>\$3,751,482</b>	<b>\$4,228,800</b>



### Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
*Public Archives/Research Library patrons served	10,697	11,428	10,828	12,458
*Materials added to Public Archives (cubic feet)	3,777	4,649	6,020	6,423
*Research Library items cataloged	9,303	5,731	5,759	6,219
*Oral History interviews and related materials created	424	257	187	190
*Number of paid visitors to the Historical Museum per annum (fees implemented October 1, 2003)	22,308	21,845	32,600	26,979
*Historical artifacts and objects processed at the Historical Museum	3,000	1,100	750	550
*Number of students (K-12) receiving educational material from the Historical Museum	5,200	5,200	14,758	14,537
*Number of students participating in Idaho History Day contest	711	992	1,213	1,100
*State Historic Preservation Office review of environmental impact clearances (required by federal law)	1,100	1,185	1,152	1,010
*Historical and Archaeological sites added to the Archaeological Survey of Idaho	1,500	1,068	1,112	907
*Historic sites added to Idaho Historic Sites inventory	1,771	613	725	436

*Estimated dollar benefit to Idaho business through federal Tax Act projects (000s)	1,700	6,300	200	5,650
*General Tour visitation to ISHS Historic sites statewide	37,500	37,000	21,043	23,852
*Number of guided interpretive tours provided at the Old Penitentiary	500	520	500	447
*Man hours spent to maintain, restore and repair Old Pen buildings	7,500	6,000	6,000	3752
*Total Volunteer hours/dollar equivalent	n/a	n/a	n/a	20,105 hrs/ \$386,016

### Performance Highlights:

Board, staff, and community members completed a comprehensive strategic planning process that resulted in the first plan of its type in the Agency's history, resulting in compelling goals for the future of the agency.

Celebrated a "Centennial of Service" to the state of Idaho; the Idaho State Historical Society was conceived by visionary citizens in 1881 and became a state agency in 1907.

Archaeologists, led by the Idaho State Historical Preservation Office discovered what the believe is the Nez Perce Indian village along the snake river where three members of the Lewis and Clark expedition spent two nights and on day on an ill-fated fishing expedition.

Planning continued with the Friends of the Museum for the design and implementation of an expansion of the Idaho Historical Museum. This expansion will provide space for enhanced school and public programs as well as opportunities to increase attendance and revenues resulting from special exhibitions.

Idahohistory.net Web site usage has grown from zero to an average of 2,101 user sessions per day in seven years, with the average user session length of 10 minutes 21 seconds.

## Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2004	2005	2006	2007	Benchmark
1. Number of daily user sessions on agency internet web site	963	1,197	1,973	2,101	5% increase/yr
2. Number of paid visitors to Historical Museum and Old Penitentiary	43,403	41,396	53,643	50,831	5% increase/yr
3. Cubic feet of material catalogued in Public Archives holdings	New	New	New	6,423	2,000/yr
4. Number of students participating in Idaho History Day competition	711	992	1,212	1,100	5% increase/yr
5. Number of federal projects reviewed for compliance with Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act and commented on within the 30 day deadline	1,100	1,185	1,152	1,010	100%
6. Take lead in seeking creation of a legislative task force to study updating state records management and preservation.	New	New	New	Delayed until 2008 session	Passage of legislative resolution creating task force in 2007

7. Position Idaho Historical Museum for successful reaccreditation in fall of 2007	New	New	New	Review scheduled for late August; one additional staff person hired; other issues being resolved.	Obtain adequate resources to fulfill personnel and operational funding shortfalls necessary to meet reaccreditation guidelines
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**Performance Measure Explanatory Note:**

#5 above: Benchmark is to review the applications and provide comments within the required 30-day deadline in all cases (numbers above reflect successful obtainment of this goal).

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